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For: CLUSTERING DISK CONTROLLER, ITS DISK )  
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METHOD OF THE UNIT )

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

Applicants request that the time for taking action in this case be extended pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for **three (3) months**. The fee set in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 for the extension of time is **\$1,020.00**. The fee is submitted herewith.

Please charge any additional fee required for this extension of time to Deposit Account 08-1480. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Also filed is a *Request for Continued Examination and Response to Office Action*.

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